



To: SNTSF

Brussels, 4 August 2020

To the Bureau of SNTSF-CGTP,  
dear comrades,

We are shocked and saddened to learn about the terrible rail accident last Friday in central Portugal. With great sadness, we learned that the collision of a high speed passenger train with a maintenance machine resulted in the death of the two maintenance workers who were on the tracks and 37 injured people.

ETF presents its sincere condolences to the families, loved ones, relatives, friends and colleagues of the victims of this tragic accident. On behalf of more than 5 million transport workers from 41 European countries, we also express solidarity with SNTSF-CGTP and all railway workers in Portugal in this difficult time.

Such an accident shows how important it is to ensure proper investments in railways to guarantee the safety of the railway system.

At the ETF, we are committed to our fight for railway safety, for safe working conditions, and against financial cuts to ensure passengers' and railway workers' safety in both freight and passenger transport.

We hope that an independent and rigorous investigation into the accident reveals the full range of causes that lead to this accident and that it does not end with the usual blame of "human error".

In solidarity,

Deputy General Secretary  
Railways and Urban Public Transport